

## **Supplementary Information**

**3DNA: A Software Package for the Analysis, Rebuilding, and Visualization of Three-dimensional Nucleic Acid Structures**

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**Table S-1.** Base-pair parameters and hydrogen bond characteristics of a representative crystallographic example of each of the classic nucleic acid base pairs with two or more hydrogen bonds between bases.

Base-pair Identity <sup>†</sup>		NDB_ID*	Base IDs#	Shear (Å)	Shift (Å)	Stagger (Å)	Buckle (deg)	Prop. (deg)	Open (deg)	Hydrogen bonds <sup>§</sup>	
										Atom IDs	
										Length (Å)	
<b>Homo purine pairs (7)</b>											
I.	A+A	N1···HN6H sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A204·A436	-1.45	-1.36	-0.56	-4.0	-16.3	175.0	N6···N1 N1···N6 2.88 3.01
II.	A+A	N7···HN6H sym. H/H <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A161·A174	6.05	-5.01	-0.05	15.5	6.4	175.7	N7···N6 N6···N7 2.76 2.99
III.	G+G	N1···C=O6 sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0025	G1383·G1481	-0.34	-1.03	2.32	29.6	-4.0	165.5	O6···N1 N1···O6 3.37 2.89
IV.	G+G	N3···HN2H sym. S/S <i>trans</i>	rr0033	G32·G456	3.06	8.04	-0.98	-13.6	8.7	175.3	N2···N3 N3···N2 2.94 3.10
V.	A-A	N1···HN6H, HN6H···N7 WC/H <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A455·A460	3.94	1.36	1.37	13.0	15.5–108.9	N6···N7 N1···N6 2.90 3.01	
VI.	G+G	N1···O6=C, HN2H···N7 WC/H <i>cis</i>	rr0033	G56·G84	2.16	3.07	0.34	-13.1	-4.0	-85.3	N1···O6 N2···N7 2.76 2.75
VII.	G-G	N1···N7, HN2H···O6=C WC/H <i>trans</i>	rr0033	G2082·G535	5.55	-0.51	0.34	5.3	20.7–101.1	N1···N7 N2···O6 3.08 2.53	
<b>Hetero purine pairs (4)</b>											
VIII.	A-G	N1···N1, HN6H···O6=C WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	A2596·G2582	0.39	1.47	-0.11	7.5	-8.3	-14.4	N6···O6 N1···N1 2.95 2.83
IX.	A+G	N7···N1, HN6H···O6=C H/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0020	A665·G724	0.56	-4.95	0.49	-7.5	-1.9	95.7	N7···N1 N6···O6 3.17 2.82
X.	A+G	HN6H···N3, N1···HN2H WC/S <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A629·G2070	-3.25	4.11	0.11	4.4	-10.0	69.4	N6···N3 N1···N2 (N6···O2') 3.14 2.94 2.93
XI.	A-G	N7···HN2H, HN6H···N3 H/S <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A215·G225	-6.82	-4.21	-0.42	2.8	10.9	-2.2	N7···N2 N6···N3 (N6···O2') 2.95 3.08 2.99
<b>Homo pyrimidine pairs (5)</b>											
XII.	U+U	C=O4···N3 sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	U1838·U2621	-1.62	1.43	-0.23	2.9	5.2–175.4	N3···O4 O4···N3 2.78 2.96	
XIII.	U+U	C=O2···N3 sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0052	U956·U960	-1.95	-2.78	-0.19	-13.1	-1.3–169.0	O2···N3 N3···O2 (O2···O4) 2.85 3.23 3.20	

**Table S-1- continued**

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											Atom IDs	Length (Å)	
XIV.	C+C	N3···HN4H sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0014	C2105·C2536	2.01	-1.72	2.15	1.7	38.7	126.1	N3···N4	N4···N3	
											3.34	2.09	
XV.	C+C	C=O2···HN4H sym. WC/WC <i>trans</i>	pr0004	C16·C59	1.76	1.21	0.60	-3.4	16.5	176.7	O2···N4	N4···O2	(N3···N3)
											3.19	2.84	2.96
XVI.	U-U	C=O2···N3, ·N3···O4=C WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	U391·U398	2.27	-1.79	0.27	6.5	-11.7	12.4	O2···N3	N3···O4	
											2.86	2.87	
<b>Hetero pyrimidine pairs (2)</b>													
XVII.	C+U	N3···N3, HN4H···O2=C WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	C1394·U1432	1.81	1.47	-0.14	19.1	6.8	178.6	N3···N3	N4···O2	(O2···O4)
											3.03	2.91	3.22
XVIII.	C-U	N3···N3, HN4H···O4=C WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	C1545·U1702	0.94	-1.61	0.29	5.9	-35.4	8.8	N3···N3	N4···O4	
											3.17	3.16	
<b>Purine-pyrimidine pairs (10)</b>													
XIX.	G-C	Watson-Crick WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	G13·C530	-0.41	0.01	-0.15	0.0	2.2	1.3	O6···N4	N1···N3	N2···O2
											3.11	3.06	2.88
XX.	A-U	Watson-Crick WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	A16·U527	0.06	-0.20	0.26	3.6	-11.1	-0.6	N6···O4	N1···N3	
											2.84	2.76	
XXI.	A+U	reverse Watson-Crick WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A2301·U2306	0.27	1.25	-0.34	15.5	4.9	167.3	N6···O2	N1···N3	
											2.76	2.72	
XXII.	G+C	reverse Watson-Crick WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	G1683·C1377	0.02	4.11	0.33	1.7	5.7	147.5	N1···O2	N2···N3	
											2.72	3.10	
XXIII.	A+U	Hoogsteen H/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	A2793·U2791	0.56	-3.49	0.01	-7.7	0.6	71.8	N7···N3	N6···O4	(O2P···O2)
											2.94	2.79	3.27
XXIV.	A-U	reverse Hoogsteen H/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A160·U176	-4.22	-2.06	-0.63	-1.1	-14.0	-98.7	N7···N3	N6···O2	
											2.83	2.95	
XXV.	A-C	reverse Hoogsteen H/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A766·C896	-3.16	-0.84	-0.81	10.0	-13.3	-90.0	N7···N4	N6···N3	
											2.91	2.92	
XXVI.	A+C	reverse wobble WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	A1742·C2037	0.04	-1.54	-0.03	30.2	-6.5	163.0	N6···N3	N1···N4	
											3.02	2.97	
XXVII.	G+U	reverse wobble WC/WC <i>trans</i>	rr0033	G1970·U1966	0.34	-1.53	0.60	18.1	-9.3	157.3	O6···N3	N1···O4	
											2.84	2.95	
XXVIII.	G-U	wobble WC/WC <i>cis</i>	rr0033	G17·U526	-2.26	-0.67	0.14	4.3	-14.2	-1.5	O6···N3	N1···O2	
											2.71	2.67	

### **Footnotes to Table S-1**

- † Roman numerals refer to the base-pair identification code given by Saenger (1); other base pairs with *cis* and *trans* arrangements of a single bifurcated hydrogen bond (2, 3) and with potential steric conflicts (see the Image Library of Biological Macromolecules, IMB Jena for examples: <http://www.imb-jena.de/ImgLibDoc/bp/gc.html>) are omitted. The + and – symbols designate parallel and antiparallel orientations of the interacting bases; the base-pair names are adapted from the Tinoco compilation (4), where sym. is an abbreviation for symmetric, HNH denotes amino, and C=O or O=C stands for carbonyl, and from the proposed classification scheme of Leontis and Westhof (3), where WC, H, and S refer respectively to hydrogen-bonded atoms on the Watson-Crick, Hoogsteen, and sugar edges of a base.
- \* Of the 28 possible base-pair types, examples of 23 are found in the high resolution (2.4 Å) crystal structure of the large ribosomal subunit, NDB\_ID: rr0033 (5). The remaining five examples come from other, less well-resolved ribosomal structures—rr0014 (6), rr0020 (7), rr0025 (8), rr0052 (9)—and from the 2.6 Å resolution structure of the ternary complex of Cys-tRNA<sup>Cys</sup> with the translation elongation factor EF-Tu and GTP, pr0004 (10).
- # Base-pairs are identified using the `find_pair` utility program in 3DNA with the `-p` option. The numerical values refer to the position of a given base in the nucleotide sequence.
- § The atoms comprising the hydrogen bonds associated with a given base-pair type are listed such that the atoms from the base preceding the + or – sign in column 2 appear first in each paired entry. Interactions within parentheses are not included in conventional descriptors of the given base-pair type but are identified by the program. Note the occurrence of potentially repulsive interactions between hydrogen-bond acceptors (O2···O4 and N3···N3) in some examples.

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